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FROM THE EDITOR

PHENOMENA, NOTES AND COMMENTARY:

100 Issues! That's not a lot when compared to such magazines as FATE (453 issues), SPACE WORLD (287 issues), ASTRONOMY (193 issues), or even PLAYBOY (420 issues). 100 issues seem insignificant, actually.

However, 100 issues for a UFO publication is not only a lot, but a good excuse for a major celebration! UFO publications tend to have a short life span, and while it took us 20 years to reach 100 issues, WE FINALLY MADE IT!

20 years ago - Spring of 1967 - saw Issue 1 of FLYING SAUCER DIGEST, then Edited by Allan J. Manak and Ronald J. Pelger. FSD was their "baby," and what a "baby" it was! Ron Pelger "retired" from active UFO research a few years ago, but Al Manak is still with FSD, serving as Chairman of the UAPA.

20 years ago. While "normal" people were grooving on the Beatles, Beach Boys, Dave Clark 5, and the hippie movement, I was plugging away - like I am now - on UFO articles, using the same desk and typewriter as now. A short time later I was using paper and pencil while doing my stint in the War. No, I wasn't fighting the aliens, but a much worse enemy - the Vietcong. I had to help preserve the freedom of publishing a UFO mine.

It was 20 years ago that Al and Ron and Elmer F. Schutt gave birth to the FLYING SAUCER DIGEST and brought forth that first issue. I'm glad they did, and am proud to be a part of this, the 100th Issue of FSD!

I hope you enjoy this Special 100th Issue!

A MINE FIELD:

The following article was written by James Melesciuc, the Massachusetts State Director for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), and published in the August 1987 Massachusetts MUFON NEWSLETTER, of which Jim is Editor. This monthly publication is very interesting and highly informative, and can be obtained by writing to Jim at 43 Harrison St., Reading, Massachusetts, 01867.

I have been thinking along the very same lines that Jim alludes to, and since he has expressed it probably far better than I could, I have decided to just reprint his article. The article, titled "A Mine Field", is as follows:

The abduction scene is currently being reported strongly in magazines, newspapers and by the electronic media. Since my return from the D.C. symposium, Mass. MUFON has received approximately 30 phone calls from people wanting to report an abduction experience, from reporters eager to interview an abductee or those seeking information on abductions. The handful of investigators who are capable of working with this type of case are putting more time in the field now than they ever did or probably ever will.

The latest influx of cases has pushed some of Mass. MUFON's projects and previous cases onto the back burner. Has a Pandora's box been opened? It certainly has!

Whitley Streiber (Communion) now has a great following as evidenced by our recent symposium. Streiber is a rabid believer and his fellow Communionites are likewise. These followers are attaching themselves to Ufology with Streiber as their Supreme Idol. By believers, they are more attuned to belief and faith rather than evidence and consequently their coming into the field can be just as detrimental as a debunker in that they do not favor a scientific review of the UFO situation. Both true believers and debunkers think they have the answer.



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Budd Hopkins stresses that the patterns and content of abduction reports cannot be ignored and a thorough investigation is needed. However, as always, Budd is quick to point out that he is a committed skeptic (open-minded) and would welcome other explanations of this phenomena.

Camps are forming between the avid believers and those who work in a calm, objective scientific approach. This is also occurring with the people involved with government cover-up. The results of the MJ-12 circus created by Moore, Shandera, and Friedman could be detrimental to the future of document research. The hunger for publicity or for financial gain by any type of self-styled expert can be as damaging to the subject as the crackpots and fanatics. Moore and Friedman, of all people, should realize that by promoting evidence loaded with loopholes will cause people to question the quality of their research and would be disasterous to their reputation.

With the onslaught of abduction reports, the MJ-12 sideshow, the pop wave of channeling (there is now strong evidence of channeling in the metro Boston area with two individuals representing this new pop movement by appearing on numerous radio programs and holding channeling conferences in the area), and the rabid believers, an aura of illegitimacy is slowly forming around Ufology. Many prominent researchers and investigators are now falling back, regrouping and revising their thinking. Some of these people probably will go underground.

A word of caution: Ufology at this point in time is similar to a vast mine field. The only way to safely cross to the other side is to study it, walk slowly and calmly and be careful where you step!

LIGHT YEARS - THE BILLY MEIER CASE:

In 1979 a very beautiful book titled *UFO - CONTACT FROM THE PLEIADES* was published by Genesis III Productions (P.O. Box 32067, Phoenix, Arizona, 85064; \$24.95). The book dealt with the alleged contact between Eduard "Billy" Meier and Pleiadian cosmonauts.

Now, eight years later, the apparent whole story is told in Gary Kinder's *LIGHT YEARS: AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL EXPERIENCES OF EDUARD MEIER* (The Atlantic Monthly Press, New York; \$18.95).

While the whole story may have been told, the question still remains - is it a believable story?

Billy Meier took hundreds of very clear pictures of "beamships". He offered physical evidence at alleged landing sights, pieces of the Pleiadian craft, sound recordings of the craft in flight, and thousands of pages of Pleiadian knowledge and philosophy. Is it all true or just a massive hoax?

This book poses more questions than it answers. That is even evident among the main investigators of the book; Wendelle Stevens, Lee and Brit Elders and Tom Welch. After their very thorough investigation they still had many questions and doubts.

We have always demanded proof in the UFO field. Now, with the Billy Meier case, we may have proof that is too good to be true. Needless to say, that puts us in one heck of a position.

As Edward J. Ruppelt wrote in the foreword of his classic book *THE REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS*: "The hassle over the word 'proof' boils down to one question: What constitutes proof? . . . The at times hotly debated answer to this question may be the answer to the question, 'Do the UFOs really exist?'"

My gut feeling, for what it's worth, is that the alleged evidence in the Billy Meier case is indeed just too good to be true.

THE "NESSIE" CONTROVERSY:

The recent three-day most comprehensive, high-tech search for the fabled Loch Ness Monster failed to turn up a creature. However, the 35-boat flotilla that swept the 23-mile long Loch with radar did register three anomolous blips of something. Nessie? A sturgeon? An eel?

A 13 October 1987 Editorial in the "Cleveland Plain Dealer" summed it up best when the writer wrote:

"Okay, so the Loch Ness Monster momentarily is reduced to an anomalous blip. No problem. The monster isn't about to be undone by a bunch of blip-blipping cabin cruisers. No eel nor sturgeon is going to destroy that which has taken 14 centuries to produce. Nor will science. True or otherwise, the loch's legend is an essential part of modern history. Like ghosts, perhaps, or leprechauns, the monster is real until proven false. Maybe there isn't a chimera at the bottom of the loch, but what does that matter? The beast exists because the stories exist. And the stories exist because mankind, trapped in scientific precision, needs an enigma. To say so is whimsy and wishfulness, but again, so what? Like Peter Pan and Never-Never Land, the monster lives in its cold Scottish loch - not an eel or sturgeon or anomalous blip, but a myth made true by the failure to disprove it."

A WINTER'S READING LIST:

When the winter's snow sets in and you don't want to shovel the walk and driveway, just pick up one of the following books and begin reading! I found them all to be very interesting and well-written.

THE SPACE-AGE SOLAR SYSTEM by Joseph F. Baugher (1988 by John Wiley and Sons, 605 Third Ave., New York, N.Y., 10158-0012; \$33.45) is an up-to-date look at our Solar System with the very latest information. One of the best books I've read on the Solar System! As the Preface states, "It is intended to be read by anyone having an armchair interest in astronomy and/or space travel ..."

THE VIOLENT EARTH by Frank W. Lane (1986 by Salem House Publishers, Topsfield, Massachusetts, 01983; \$24.95) is a fascinating look at the violence our planet receives from natural events. Chapters include scientific treatments of hurricanes, tornadoes, waterspouts, hail, lightning, avalanches, floods, meteoroids, earthquakes and volcanoes.

THE GOLDEN BOUGH by James G. Frazier (1981 by Crown Publishers, 225 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y., 10003; a reprint of the original 1890 classic; \$9.98 from Publishers Central Bureau). Subtitled "The Roots of Religion and Folklore," it is a fascinating study of the customs, superstitions, beliefs and practices of primitive peoples who are our ancestors. Definitely recommended if you have ever wondered where some of our customs have come from.

ABOUT THIS COVER:

Ronald J. Pelger, one of the best illustrators in the history of UFOlogy and a co-founder of FLYING SAUCER DIGEST, came out of semi-retirement from the UFO field to do this Special 100th Issue cover for us. Ron has always been a good friend, and we are very pleased that he wanted to do this cover. His cover indeed makes this Special Issue much more Special!

Cover Story: On a cool, brisk autumn night, a tired businessman finds himself on a dark, lonely country road in Northern Maine. His car overheats and breaks down. With the absence of any automobiles on the road at the late hours, he decides to walk to seek help. Suddenly, out of the black moonless night sky hovers a sight, if he lives through it, will be an experience never imagined could ever be possible.

Ronald J. Pelger

VETERAN UFOLOGIST RETURNS:

We here at UAPA are also pleased to announce that Rick R. Hilberg is returning to the pages of FSD. This veteran researcher, writer, and good friend will be resurrecting his outstanding column "Around And About The Saucer World" after a much too long absence. He will help our publication immensely. Welcome back, Rick!

ABOUT NEXT ISSUE:

The illustration at the right is the cover of our next issue, which will be mailed out to all subscribers in mid-March, 1988. Be sure to remain with us as we begin our second 100 issues. We have many surprises and outstanding features and articles planned for the up-coming issues. Renew now so you do not miss an exciting issue of FLYING SAUCER DIGEST!

OUR SISTER PUBLICATION:

FSD's sister publication - WEIRDOLGY - is going far better than we had anticipated. Issue 4 of this bi-monthly publication was just recently mailed out to our many subscribers. If you are interested in Fortean phenomena, the Loch Ness monster, Bigfoot, the Bermuda Triangle, or anything that is strange or mysterious, then WEIRDOLGY is the publication for you!

To subscribe simply send \$4.00 for six issues to WEIRDOLGY, P. O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio, 44134-7032. (From The Editor Written By Robert S. Easley)



NEWS UPDATE

The Mars Observer spacecraft, currently scheduled for a 1992 lift-off, will carry a "divining rod" to search for water beneath the Martian surface. The rod - actually a thermal neutron detector - will search for neutrons that have interacted with hydrogen or carbon dioxide. Since Mars is thought to have more hydrogen than Earth, it would probably be in combination with oxygen, and hydrogen and oxygen combined make water. The neutron detector should locate water up to a half meter beneath the surface. The December 1987 issue of ASTRONOMY MAGAZINE (1027 N. 7th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233; \$2.50) has an outstanding article in the "Forum" section entitled "The Primal Fear: Are We Alone?" Written by Frank Apsi - Ridolfo, the article ends with the following: "We are compelled to keep searching. And when we fail to find life elsewhere, we invent new explanations for our lack of success. Each new idea gives us renewed hope. Life is there, we tell ourselves. It is just one step beyond the point where we failed to find it. But we must tell ourselves this, because we are faced with the possibility that in all the enormity of this universe we are all alone. And loneliness is the greatest fear of all."

Forty-year-old James Sexton, of Santa Rosa, California, was shot six times in the head with a .22-caliber gun and is still alive. He was released from Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital with the bullets still in his head. According to Dr. Stephen Cary, "It's really amazing. He has the entry wounds, of course, but aside from those and a stiff neck, he's all right." Richard Monasterky, writing in the 7 November issue of SCIENCE NEWS, tells us that "Air bubbles trapped in 80-million-year-old amber are giving scientists an unprecedented opportunity to sample and analyze the atmosphere from the earth's Cretaceous period, when dinosaurs roamed the planet. And the preliminary results are suggesting that these creatures breathed an air far different from the atmosphere of today. 'We were able to recalculate the original concentration of oxygen,' says Robert A. Berner of Yale University, who has analyzed the samples along with Gary P. Landis of the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver. 'The oxygen level appeared to be around 30 percent (of the atmosphere) as opposed to 21 percent today.'"

Robert Malcuit of Denison University has constructed a mathematical model of the earth-moon system that tells us that 3.8 billion years ago days would have lasted 14 hours and years would have been over 600 days long. That would make for a very

short work day. The December 1987 issue of OMNI MAGAZINE is must reading! Besides a humorous look at the flat earth theory ("Last Word") there's a very interesting Pamela Weintraub article on alien abductions ("Secret Sharers"), a look at a possible UFO explanation ("UFO Update"), and a fascinating interview with NASA administrator Dr. James Fletcher. The cost of \$3.00 is well worth every penny for this issue. (News Update Compiled and Written by Robert S. Easley)

MANAK'S NOTEBOOK

UNIDENTIFIED SUBMERGABLE OBJECTS

Did you ever hear of UFOs going into or comming out of water? Well, going through my files recently I came across a file titled "USO - Unidentified Submergable Objects." Here are a few sightings.

As far back as 1845 a ship observed three huge disc-shaped objects rising from the sea. The unknown objects remained visible for about ten minutes and were very large. They were reported to be connected by bright glowing streamers. These same huge objects were also seen by people as far as ninety miles away with the same general description.

In 1953 a ship in the Mediterranean a few miles off the coast of Southern Italy carrying a full load of passengers reported seeing a huge disc-shaped object similar to the objects seen back in 1845 rise from the water and disappear in the sky.

March 23, 1957, a Luis Petriera with several other people watched as a glowing object plunged into Lake Maracaibo. The testimony of Mr. Petriera and the other witnesses was so thrilling the local police decided to drag the lake to find the object. Nothing turned up in the search.

December 1959 a Swedish ship, "The Dorthmearsk," radiod the following message to officials in La Guaira, Venezuela. "We have just seen a strange craft descending from the sky giving off strange flares. Shaped like a cone and very brilliant." The position of the object was slightly north of Orchilla Island, and the bright object was observed by the entire crew. According to their report, as the object neared the surface of the water it became even brighter and there was a very loud explosion as the UFO entered the water. After the object was submerged the sea suddenly started circulating until it was very turbulent at the spot where the object splashed into the water.

August 4, 1967, a Mr. Sierra Yapes was walking on the beach about fifteen miles north of Recife on a clear early morning. Suddenly he was stunned to see a large saucer-shaped object consisting of two parts joined by a ring rising out of the water. The ring, which appeared to link the two bowl-like parts together, had triangles of red and blue on it. But the main body was grey. After leaving the water the object hovered for a couple seconds about three feet above the water and then rise slowly picking up momentum and sped into the horizon vanishing from view.

August 27, 1967, a Mr. Ruben Norato was sitting casually on a rock at the Catia Lar Mar Beach looking out to sea when he noticed a commotion in the water as if the ocean was "boiling." Expecting to see some porpoises at play he was shocked to see three grey disc-shaped objects emerge from the ocean one after the other and fly off toward the horizon.

October 4, 1967, in Shag Harbor, Nova Scotia, Canada, several independent witnesses sighted an object with a row of lights which came down toward the water in a slithering trajectory. Around eleven o'clock a Laurie Wiggins, nineteen, and four other young people noticed four sets of lights on a weird yellowish thing which was descending into the ocean. The lights on the object switched on and off in sequence until it reached the water. Stopping their vehicle for a better look, they saw a single light bouncing just offshore. After Wiggins phoned the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Officer Ron O'Brian of the Barrington RCMP arrived and viewed the unknown light floating on the water about a mile from the shore.

A statement released by the Navy indicated there were no aircraft or ships in

the area at the time of the sightings. The only available evidence was a patch of yellowish foam composed of small bubbles at the spot where the object was last seen.

I do not recall who said this but I think this is a good time to repeat it:
"The only tools we have for a UFO sighting are an open mind and time itself."

EASLEY'S NOTEBOOK

The MJ-12 Controversy

On 29 May of this year one of the biggest controversies of UFO history erupted with the release of documents purporting to be conclusive proof of a government cover-up of crashed UFOs. The documents were released by William L. Moore, Jaime H. Shandera and Stanton T. Friedman as part of their Research Project into the U. S. Government's UFO Policy.

The main document, allegedly from National Security Information, has Top Secret typed on the cover page in three places and stamped on it in two places. The title of the document is "Briefing Document: Operation Majestic 12, Prepared For President -Elect Dwight D. Eisenhower: (Eyes Only), 18 November, 1952."

According to the document itself "OPERATION MAJESTIC-12 is a TOP SECRET Research and Development/Intelligence operation responsible directly and only to the President of the United States. Operations of the project are carried out under control of the Majestic-12 (Majic-12) Group, which was established by special classified executive order of President Truman on 24 September, 1947, upon recommendation by Dr. Vannevar Bush and Secretary James Forrestal. (See Attachment "A".) Members of the Majestic -12 Group were designated as follows: Adm. Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, Dr. Vannevar Bush, Secy. James V. Forrestal, Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Dr. Detlev Bronk, Dr. Jerome Hunsaker, Mr. Sidney W. Souers, Mr. Gordon Gray, Dr. Donald Menzel, Gen. Robert M. Montague, Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner."

Needless to say, these documents have created a storm of controversy between believers, non-believers and skeptics. Shouts of "hoax" and "authentic" have been passed back and forth like a tennis ball in a Wimbledon match. Jerome Clark, writing in the November OMNI MAGAZINE, states "If it's true, it's the biggest story of the twentieth century, maybe of all time. If it isn't, it's one of the most sophisticated hoaxes in the history of UFOs."

The key part of the document deals with the crash of a UFO near Roswell, New Mexico. A crash that Bill Moore had written about with Charles Berlitz in his 1980 book, THE ROSWELL INCIDENT.

The document, on page 3, states "On 07 July, 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage of this object for scientific study. During the course of this operation, aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded. These had fallen to earth about two miles east of the wreckage site. All four were dead and badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements during the approximately one week time period which had elapsed before their discovery. A special scientific team took charge of removing these bodies for study. The wreckage of the craft was also removed to several different locations. Civilian and military witnesses in the area were debriefed, and news reporters were given the effective cover story that the object had been a misguided weather research balloon."

Along with the document was a letter on alleged White House stationary dated 24 September 1947 and signed by Harry Truman. The letter, addressed to Secretary Forrestal, states "As per our recent conversation on this matter, you are hereby authorized to proceed with all due speed and caution upon your undertaking. Hereafter this matter shall be referred to only as Operation Majestic Twelve."

"It continues to be my feeling that any future considerations relative to the ultimate disposition of this matter should rest solely with the Office of the President following appropriate discussions with yourself, Dr. Bush and the Director of Central Intelligence."

One document seems to confirm the existence of the MJ-12 Group. It was discovered in a file box of newly declassified materials of the U. S. Air Force's Director of Intelligence by Moore and Shandera at the National Archives.

This document, in the form of a letter dated 14 July 1954, is a "Memorandum For General Twining" from Robert Cutler, Special Assistant to the President. The subject is "NSC/MJ-12 Special Studies Project" and states "The President has decided that the MJ-12 SSP briefing should take place during the already scheduled White House meeting of July 16, rather than following it as previously intended. More precise arrangements will be explained to you upon arrival. Please alter your plans accordingly."

The Controversy:

If these documents are genuine, then the so-called "smoking gun" has been found for UFO research as they appear to be documentary proof of a government cover-up from the very beginning of the UFO mystery.

Philip J. Klass and the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP), however, proclaim the documents as "phony" and a "hoax," while the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) "has not yet concluded that the documents from Moore and his colleagues are either authentic papers or a clever hoax."

Phil Klass did come up with one important point in that if the document is authentic then it was not properly declassified. This opens a whole new can of worms. As James W. Moseley states, "Our position is that if the document is genuine, the public's right to know supercedes the security leak that apparently is involved here. Surely four dead aliens on the New Mexico desert forty years ago cannot represent a present threat to the security of the United States! Of course, we do not know what has happened since 1952, when our "MJ-12" document was written, but we can assume that whatever threat was envisioned then, has failed to materialize."

My Opinion:

Hoax or authentic? At this time it's just too early to say. Moore, Shandera and Friedman have spent seven years investigating the MJ-12 documents while Klass, the most vocal of the "hoax" side, has only spent a short while with only a small portion of the documents. Thus a stalemate.

My "wish" is that the documents are authentic and we have the proof we've been searching for all these years. The proof that UFOs are indeed ships from another planet.

My "gut feeling" however, is that the MJ-12 documents are not what they appear to be. They are either a very clever hoax or an outright fraud, and someone or something is pulling a very nasty trick on three dedicated researchers; William L. Moore, Jaime Shandera and Stanton Friedman.



UFO RETROSPECTIVE

This installment of UFO RETROSPECTIVE falls right in line with our 100th Issue celebration. Over the last 20 years the FLYING SAUCER DIGEST has published some important, fascinating, intellectual, and controversial articles covering all aspects of the UFO mystery. Let us now take a look at bits and pieces of some of the past 99 issues.

Issue #1, Spring 1967: "Captured Saucer Near Germany?" By Ronald J. Pelger

"On a tiny island in the North Sea off the German coast, it is believed that a possibility of hydrogen bomb explosions in the Pacific Ocean could have knocked a UFO to the earth. Preliminary findings were revealed in Oslo, Norway, by a Dr. Hans Larsen Loberg, a retired Norwegian scientist . . ."

Issue #2, Summer 1967: "Editorial" By Allan J. Manak

"How far in the past are we to travel, so as to find a beginning? The record indicates a sighting took place before hundreds of people in 1504 B.C. in Egypt. That certainly is far enough for a start. Some researchers claim from ancient records to have produced proof of strange aerial objects that date back to 3500 B.C."

Issue #3, Fall 1967: "So Big, So Small" By Allan J. Manak

"Then you realize, all this fantastic travel from earth, passing the remainder of the solar system. Passing all the stars in our galaxy. Passing billions of galaxies to finally understand that all this fits neatly into one little apple."

Issue #4, Winter 1967: "Night Creature" By Robert S. Easley

"Since November, 1966, a mysterious creature, called 'Moth Man,' has terrorized the residents of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and the surrounding area. Whether this creature is associated with UFOs or not has yet to be seen but there has been considerable saucer activity in that area."

Issue #5, Spring 1968: "Challenging The Hollow Earth Theory" By Lawrence Blazey

"In the Hollow Earth theory it is noted that the earth has a hole at the North and South Pole about 1400 miles in diameter. If this were so, any investigation of a map would show that this would take in the Northern rim of Siberia, and part of the Scandinavian Peninsula and part of Canada."

Issue #6, Summer 1968: "Same Old Song" By Allan J. Manak

"We at UAPA are very much confused. The reason being that the control tower operators at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport are just as puzzled as we are. The chief flight controller at the Hopkins tower said 'We have no idea what it was.'"

Issue #7, Fall 1968: "Alternate Realities: The Gate" By Allen H. Greenfield

"Which brings us to a specific case in point: UFology. Just what is the fascination of the UFO problem? There is a fascination to it; let there be no doubt of that. It seems to the present writer that this once again is a rainbow chase, but perhaps with a higher form of rationalization . . ."

Issue #8, Winter 1968: "Editorial" By Allan J. Manak

"Once again the UFO field is showing signs of collapsing. We at the UAPA have learned over the past 6 months that at least 7 publications have been disbanded or changed hands. Out of these 7 publications, 4 have been in the UFO field for 6 years or more."

Issue #9, Spring 1969: "The Migration From Space" By Ronald J. Pelger

"In my many thoughts and theories, I have very often wondered about the possibilities of the races having come from some other planets. The big question arrives though of how they came here? UFO's are recorded one way or another as to have been seen far back in Biblical days. Ezekiel experienced his so-called 'visions of wheels.'"

Issue #10, Summer 1969: "Editorial" By Allan J. Manak

"It was brought to my attention that the real problem in UFOlogy is not the unsuccessful attempt to catalogue sightings, nor the wishful and fancyful way of trying to determine which star system these strange ships are coming from, or the exploring technique where these UFOnauts are supposed to be hiding - but the very clear possibility of the witnesses being a little bit of a liar."

Issue #11, Fall 1969: "Where Are They From?" By Robert S. Easley

"Evidence collected to date indicates that the UFOs are intelligently controlled spaceships from another planet. We don't know which one yet but there is evidence to support the theory of life on Mars, Venus and the Moon. They probably come from another solar system but use these planets as a base for their operations."

Issue #12, Winter 1969: "Mysterious Creatures" By Timothy Green Beckley

"History has been full of stories of all types of weird creatures and monsters which have appeared all over the world at times in the history of mankind. Charles Fort often liked to say that these were creatures from other dimensions and 'worlds' who were coming in and out of our reality at will . . ."

Issue #13, Spring 1970: "The Hopkinsville Incident" By Robert S. Easley

"One of the classic 'little men' cases of all time occurred on the night of 21 August 1955 near the small town of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. For three hours, between 7 and 10:00 PM, the farmhouse belonging to the J. C. Sutton family was besieged by small humanoid creatures of apparent unknown origin."

Issue #14, Summer 1970: "The News Blackout" By John J. Robinson

"The serious UFO buff has always realized that the UFO field is made up of a few genuine sightings, a large number of hoaxes and a larger number of mistaken sightings due to either excitement or true cases of misunderstanding of exactly what the object being viewed really was."

Issue #15, Fall 1970: "Saucer Fragments From The Past" By Rick R. Hilberg

"In the early days of UFO research, there were many claims of persons having recovered parts of the mysterious flying saucers. Most, if not all of these reports, later turned out to be clever - and sometimes not so clever - hoaxes. . . . But even though the published reports were skeptical regarding the validity of the 'evidence', who is to say that behind the screen of joking sarcasm erected by the newspapers of that time there was some truth to the stories?"

Issue #16, Winter 1970: "Defining UFOlogy" By Robert S. Easley

"At present there is no scientific way to study UFOs. Since they appear unannounced, there is no way to set up instruments of any sort with the hopes of solving the mystery of their true identity. Sure, one could go to a 'flap' or 'window' area with his instruments, but still never see a UFO."

Issue #17, Spring 1971: "Book Review" By Edward M. Biebel, Jr.

"A recent release for your UFO bookshelf is John Keel's UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse. . . . A brief summary of Keel's central idea is that UFO sightings are only a part of the real phenomena, which really isn't a phenomena, but manifestations created by beings from another reality or dimension. . . . The only theory possible, if the objects are actually being seen, is that they are directed by someone from the vicinity or environment of Earth, but not in our own time-space continuum."

Issue #18: "1947 - 1971 Spells UFOlogy" By W. A. Schumann

"It all began in the summer of 1947 when the pilot of a private plane flying near Mt. Rainier in Washington saw several disk-shaped things moving through the air one after another in an undulating path, 'like pie pans skipping over water.'"

Issue #19: "Editorial" By Allan J. Manak

"Much has been said of the 'Congress of Scientific UFOlogists.' Such things as they should disband or they are not as big as we are, or they form many projects and

never complete them, or . . . Well, I would like to say this to all those psuedo - UFOlogists. . . . Before they were born we were in UFology . . ."

Issue #22, April 1973: "Where Monsters Reign" By Scott Redwood

"Whatever goes on out there, it certainly is 'exciting' and most of all very mysterious, because monsters have been sighted throughout history. Maybe someday we will discover where they come from and why."

Issue #23, August 1973: "UFology Message" By Robert S. Easley

"The year is 1973 and we are no closer to the solution of the UFO mystery than we were back in 1947, when it first became prominent. The UFO movement has become a stagnant pool of personality clashes, accusing the government of censorship, and just plain idiotic methods of investigation . . ."

Issue #24: "Microcosm vs. Macrocosm" By Allan J. Manak

"Many Air Force personnel saw and even open fired on these strange little discs. After these particular bombing runs were completed, these airmen reported what they saw. Some claimed these strange little objects were transparent."

Issue #25: "Missing Link" By Robert S. Easley

"Since Man is basically an animal with the instinct to continually fight, he is on the verge of that 'Great War' that would completely destroy the Earth. If the Aliens - or whatever - did plant us as a crop then they must prevent that 'War' in order to see their 'Evolution Experiment' continue on its course."

(Editor's Note: Following Issue #37, the FSD and UAPA became the publishing arm of the Northern Ohio UFO Group. FSD merged with the NOUFOG NEWSLETTER for 30 issues, at which time it became known as the UFO JOURNAL, for Issues 31 through 56. After Issue #56 it once again became FLYING SAUCER DIGEST, starting with Issue #94.)

Issue #13, July 1979: "Around And About The Saucer World" By Rick R. Hilberg

"Last summer it was announced that long time UFO researcher and writer Leonard H. Stringfield would reveal . . . that he had final and total substantiated proof that the government had crashed UFOs in it's possession."

Issue #16, November 1979: "From The Editor" By Robert S. Easley

"This chemiluminescence could possibly be the cause of the UFO sightings in Defiance County, Ohio . . . that occurred on 25 August 1979, and secondary sightings that occurred in December 1978, April 1979 and 7 September 1979."

Issue #18, January 1980: "Around And About The Saucer World" By Rick R. Hilberg

"Probably the most important statement of the Seventies was to the effect that we have to stop asking what UFOs are, and begin instead to ask why UFOs are. The answers may surprise us if we only listen."

Issue #24, July 1980: "From The Editor" By Robert S. Easley

"Once again our 'Big Brother' Government has shown it's stupidity by forcing NASA to slash it's fiscal 1981 budget by \$219 million dollars, reducing it from \$5.737 billion to \$5.518 billion. This has forced NASA to reduce or eliminate many important programs originally included in the budget."

Issue #25, August 1980: "From The Editor" By Robert S. Easley

"Perhaps the Supreme Court, in it's infinite wisdom, has made a gross error in allowing life forms to be patented. . . . Allowing Congress, our duly elected lunatics in Washington, to handle this question is like telling a person to put a square block into a round hole."

Issue #26, September 1980: "Disappearing People" By Ronald J. Pelger

"There have been cases of people walking down busy avenues and suddenly vanishing into thin air, with many agape observers witnessing the amazing feat. It is as though someone could walk through air unseen door into a different world . . ."

Issue #29, December 1980: "Aerodynamics Of The Disc" By James Kemple

"Evidence of the existence of a force-field can be found in many UFO reports describing jittering compass needles, stalled car engines, radio and television interference, and a tingling sensation felt by witnesses."

Issue #31, March 1981: "Around And About The Saucer World" By Rick R. Hilberg

"I'm sure that all of you have heard the various rumors over the years that NASA has somehow had its fingers in the UFO pie, despite vehement denials to the contrary, and that it has concrete evidence - not to mention actual hardware - of the reality of the UFOs."

Issue #33, May 1981: "From The Editor" By Robert S. Easley

"With the 30 March 1981 assassination attempt of President Reagan (in which he was seriously wounded), attention has once again been focused on the so-called 'Zero Factor,' that mysterious 'coincidence' that every President to be elected or take office in a year ending with zero since 1840 has died while in office."

Issue #35, July 1981: "Around And About The Saucer World" By Rick R. Hilberg

"Often times in the course of trying to keep those of you out there in reader-land up to date on what's happening UFO-wise, we run what at first seems to be a really genuine and mystifying UFO case only to have it 'shot down' and turned into an 'IFO.'"

Issue #36, August 1981: "Children Of The Meteor" By Denis Corey

"If the meteor theory is indeed correct, it would appear that we are the Masters of Creation only by default. We are the children of the meteor, and we would probably never have made it out of the undergrowth if our benefactor had not abruptly removed the competition."

Issue #38, October 1981: "Around And About The Saucer World" By Rick R. Hilberg

"Somehow it seems as if stories about alleged crashed UFOs seem to pop up constantly lately, told by people from all sorts of backgrounds, and in many instances seemingly reliable. Whether this stems from 'wishful thinking'... I really can't say at this point."

Issue #39, November 1981: "Famous Quotes" By Robert S. Easley

"The following quote . . . is the closing monologue from the classic 1951 movie 'The Day The Earth Stood Still.' . . . Because of the political unrest in the world today, I feel that this 'Famous Quote' is worth re-reading today and everyday!"

Issue #40, December 1981: "From The Editor" By Robert S. Easley

"It is my own contention that information on UFOs - no matter how it was obtained or by what means - should not be withheld from the American public. We should have a right to know just what the hell is going on in the skies, not only over America but over the entire planet. As tax-paying citizens, we should not have to fight for this information!"

Issue #44, April 1982: "Around And About The Saucer World" By Rick R. Hilberg

"In The "Allende" Dossier, there are twenty pages of direct reproductions of documents (birth certificate, war records, etc.) and letters written by Carl M. Allen to me (some threatening my life) that will 'beyond shadow of all doubt' provide positive evidence as to the true and actual identity of this 'myth-tery!'" (Robert Goerman in a telephone interview with Rick R. Hilberg)

Issue #45, May 1982: "From The Editor" By Robert S. Easley

"In an unusual confession Rant Mullens, 86, of Toledo, Washington, claims he hoaxed the 'Bigfoot of Mt. St. Helens' by rolling rocks down toward a miner's shack in 1924 and faking giant footprints in 1928."

Issue #46, June 1982: "From The Editor" By Robert S. Easley

"It is common nature to build up one's own ego, but it should be built up on 'truths' rather than falsehoods. Bringing the truth out about UFOlogy should be just

as important as 'discovering' a new UFO sighting. And if that truth is the exposing of a UFO sighting as a hoax or a mis-identification of a known or natural phenomena, then that should be done just as quickly as anything else!"

Issue #47, September 1982: "Editorial" By Robert S. Easley

"Last year a man was selling a booklet advocating a diet of natural vegetables. . . . The Postal Service decided that the booklet's idea was 'false representation' and banned its sale through the mail. Federal Administrative law judge Edwin Bernstein agreed with the Postal Service. What this means, then, is that a booklet advocating an idea 'contrary to the weight of medical and scientific opinion' can now be banned in America."

Issue #48, November 1982: "Around And About The Saucer World" By Rick R. Hilberg

"We've all seen old theories replaced by new ones, and, probably more important, we've seen more and more truly scientific research being done on the elusive disks than in those days long past."

Issue #49, January 1983: "From The Editor" By Robert S. Easley

"It was hoped that the Viking Lander biology experiments would give at least a faint indication of some form of life on Mars. Although there is still some controversy over the results of the tests, it is generally accepted that Mars is a lifeless world."

Issue #53, Winter 1983: "From The Editor" By Robert S. Easley

"So, after 15 years of living with the 'Condon Report' what do I think? I think Condon may have been closer to the truth than we think. UFOs are not spaceships from someplace else. But people are still seeing and reporting UFOs. What are UFOs? We are no closer now to that answer than we were in 1947. Maybe, just maybe, UFOs really are spaceships!"

Issue #55, Summer 1984: "From The Editor" By Robert S. Easley

"Kenneth Arnold, the Idaho businessman who saw nine disc-shaped objects while flying over the Cascade Mountains on 24 June 1947, passed away on 16 January 1984 in a Bellevue, Washington hospital. Mr. Arnold was 68."

Issue #56, Fall 1984: "Guest Article" By Charles J. Wilhelm

"When the TRUE history of UFOlogy is written, the readers are going to be stunned. History will show the following: that many of the top cases were hoaxes; that many of the famous UFOlogists were putting on an act; that CUFOS was a front for Dr. Hynek to use; and that NO ONE was able to provide ONE piece of HARD DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE to PROVE that the earth WAS, IS or WILL BE visited by extraterrestrials."

Issue #94, Summer 1986: "From The Editor" By Robert S. Easley

"The loss of seven astronauts and the space shuttle is still a painful event . . . Man's history is littered with tragedy in all areas of exploration. From Norse Vikings to Columbus to the Pilgrims and Pioneers, death was a constant companion. They continued to push forward, as we must continue now. As T. S. Eliot wrote in 'Little Gidding': 'We shall not cease from exploration, And the end of all our exploring, Will be to arrive where we started, And know the place for the first time.'"

Issue #95, Fall 1986: "From The Editor" By Robert S. Easley

"It is with very deep regret and sorrow that I now comment on the death of Dr. J. Allen Hynek. Although he had been in poor health for some time, his death on 27 April in Scottsdale, Arizona, was a shock to us here at UAPA."

Issue #96, Winter 1986: "What Do You Think Of UFOs?" By Allan J. Manak

"I would like to sum up this three-part article by answering the question that was asked of me: what do you think of UFOs? I would have to respond by saying simply 'I don't know.' I know what UFOs are not, and what they could be, and what they might be."

Issue #98, Summer 1987: "Easley's Notebook" By Robert S. Easley

"It is my belief that in the year 2187 - if we haven't destroyed ourselves -

someone will be sitting at a desk writing about the 240th anniversary of the modern-era UFO mystery and asking 'what are these things?'"

I hope you've enjoyed this trip down memory lane of our first 100 issues. If one of the bits and pieces interests you, and you'd like to read the entire article, kindly let us know. We will gladly reprint it in a future UFO RETROSPECTIVE. (This article was compiled and edited by Robert S. Easley)

FOREMOST SIGHTING THIS ISSUE

(Editor's Note: The following article titled "Do UFOs Exist? Now It Can Be Told!" was written by Alfred Tulchensky and published in the June 1987 AIRPORT PRESS of Jamaica, New York. - RSE)

(Alfred Tulchensky was a working journalist in the Soviet Union until he emigrated to the U.S. a decade ago. The following is an account of an incident that he witnessed in Siberia but was unable to report in the Soviet press.)

There are days in the lives of each of us, remarkable because of events that then take place, which become indelibly impressed upon our minds. I too have had my share of such days, though perhaps the most amazing of all occurred on August 22, 1967.

It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and I was seated in the cabin of a convoy helicopter, an MI-8, flying at a height of about one kilometer over the pristine Siberian tundra some hundreds of kilometers from village of Chatanga on the northern Taimer Peninsula, one of the coldest spots on earth.

At the controls was Volodya Novikov, an excellent pilot and the first to master the science of night-flying in the Arctic. An hour's flight remained to Volochenko as I absently shifted my gaze from the dazzling expanse of tundra below to the clear heavens above, which, in the summer months, so rarely become clouded over.

Suddenly, I noticed a strange "dot" penetrating my field of vision and moving not in accordance with any established flight pattern but rather in a perfectly straight line with incredible velocity.

Because of my untrained eye, I could in no way accurately determine the distance separating us from this flying object, nor could I discern what type of craft it might possibly be. From the glare of the brilliant sun, the dot shone, reflecting light and making it difficult to ascertain its shape.

"A satellite?" I thought. "A weather balloon?" It flew in a course parallel to our own, a dazzling enigma, and I could not take my eyes off it.

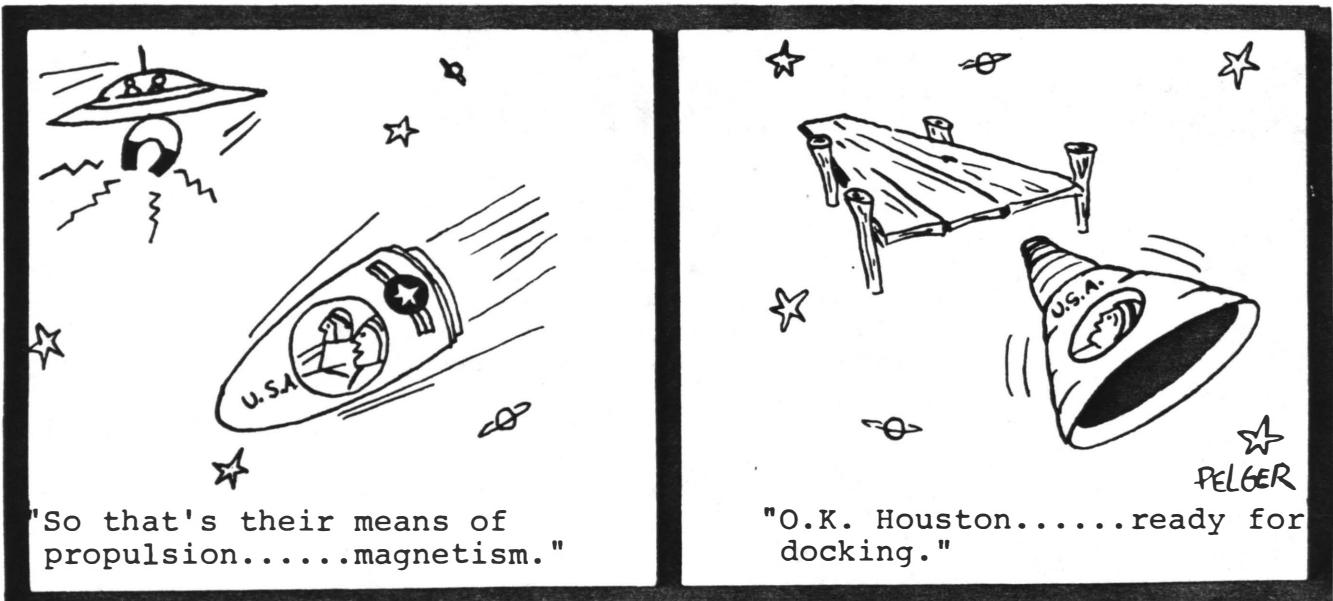
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All of a sudden, it appeared that the speed of the object's flight diminished perceptibly. Slower and slower it went until, within a minute - and I could not believe what I was seeing - it had come to a complete halt, as though rooted to a single spot in the sky.

And then, within a second's fraction, the object changed course by a full 90 degrees and, with astonishing speed, literally vanished into the air itself.

In absolute bewilderment, I seized the microphone hanging to one side (of the helicopter) and shouted to Volodya, "Did you see that? Did you see that or not?"

With a strange smile, he turned to me and said: "I saw what I saw. And then again, I didn't see . . . because orders are, they are not to be seen. Understood?"

I was far too shocked to understand a thing, though a couple of hours later, in Volochenko, as we sat over tea and fish meat, I began to understand as Volodya revealed to me his little summer secret. What I had seen in that northern azure sky was unmistakably a UFO, an unidentified flying object or, in simpler words, a flying saucer.

And Volodya himself, in the course of his four-year stint in the Arctic, had seen no small number of them. But here was the rub: Amongst all pilots, both military and civilian, there was the strictist of commands (that said) under no circumstances were they to discuss with any unauthorized person the sighting of inexplicable phenomena in the sky.

At closed meetings on several occasions, this topic had been brought up, though the conversation was always kept superficial, confining itself to reprimands to one or another of the pilots for failure to properly report the sighting of a saucer. These reports were gathered by the Summer Command and sent to Krasnoyarsk and from there to Moscow, where they disappeared into secret vaults.

Here, as we sat, Volodya drew in the sand, with a stick, the contours of the cornish-shaped body, a flattened circle - almost a cigar - which, from a distance, those craft seen by him had appeared to be . . .

All this was so disconcertingly captivating, so deeply provocative and so utterly, utterly incomprehensible . . .

I was lucky. On another occasion, also in the Arctic, I had a sighting similar to the first. And then, in 1969, near the tiny village of Messayach (about 300 miles from Norilsk), myself and others were shown a perfectly circular depression in the

ground, with a diameter of 11 to 12 meters, in which the wild tundra grass, so abundant around us, did not grow.

The Nentzi (local inhabitants), speaking in their chirping, bird-like language, pointed to the sky, leaving the geologists of the expedition dumfounded. And with this, my own direct "contact" with extraterrestrials came to an end.

AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD

Sometimes it seems rather strange that a UFO sighting can be reported and then suddenly enter "the limbo of the lost," especially when there seems to be every reason that it should receive a good amount of coverage by the news media. We've had cases in the past where a future President of the United States reported a sighting, where a packed football stadium witnessed an unusual aerial object, and other similar incidents that generated all kinds of coverage. That's why the following is so puzzling, because it happened during an event that involved thousands of people in various roles, and was extensively covered by the international print and electronic media.

For the past several years the Interstate Battery Company has been sponsoring "The Great American Race," a time/distance rally for automobiles and commercial vehicles built before 1938. Needless to say this year's event, which was run from Disneyland in California to Disney World in Florida from June 30th to July 10th, grabbed its share of headlines and spots on the six o'clock news all over the country. That's why an obscure story in the Costa Mesa Daily Pilot in California, written by Staffer Jennifer Weber, is so puzzling, because it should have been a perfect "sidebar" feature to other news accounts of the race. Here's exactly all that was printed about the July 5th incident in the above mentioned newspaper story:

"Some odd things can happen in the desert.

"The crew of the 1912 fire truck competing in the Great American Race reported seeing two unidentified flying objects Sunday outside Yuma, according to Wayne Stanfield, a Great Race participant from Costa Mesa.

"A Japanese television crew, which has been following the race, reportedly has a videotape showing the two bright orange lights, Stanfield said.

"But Stanfield remained unconvinced. 'Maybe the heat was getting to them,' he said."

Maybe more on this will surface in the future. It would be interesting to know what happened to the videotape taken by the Japanese TV crew, and if it was shown on Japanese TV reports. I know I've read many article's on this year's race in publications directed toward old car enthusiasts, and never saw a word on this interesting sighting.

Several witnesses, including a Deputy Sheriff, sighted a low-level UFO near the town of Citra in North Marion County, Florida on June 16th.

"People have asked me if I thought it was operated by remote, and I've said no," said Stephanie James. She related that she was sitting in her car along with her three children and her sister on Pine Church Road when the ten minute encounter began.

James and her sister estimated that the object, described as being about the size of an automobile with what looked like headlights and one red light and a blue or green light on its front, was first sighted about one-half to a quarter of a mile from their car. They report driving to a clear spot near some railroad tracks and pulling off the road to get a better look. The object, moving just above some power lines, moved slowly toward them. Mrs. James told reporters that they decided to leave when the UFO got about fifty feet from them. She also reported that the silent object had what seemed to be auto-sized wheels at the back.

The Deputy, Jay Manifold, said that he saw the object "for only a few seconds," and that it was moving faster than a car about thirty feet above the ground. He also estimated the object as being about as large as a car. He also speculated that the

may have been a helicopter, because of the red and green lights it displayed. He also reported that one of its two "headlights" was aimed forward and one was aimed down toward the ground.

Two other area witnesses reported that the object flew over them after hovering.

The Sheriff's Department contacted military authorities as well as the railroad and electrical power companies, and learned that nothing of theirs was in operation at the time that could have been mistaken for the silent low-flying object.

The area around Madison, Wisconsin has been host to strange nocturnal lights since mid-January of 1987, and was once again the scene of an object sighted by local Police officers as well as local residents on July 14th.

At about 2:00 AM that morning police officers Kevin Plendl and Scott McElroy were dispatched to the home of a Waunakee woman who reported sighting strange red and blue lights in the sky. The woman, who lives on Division Street, said that she watched the lights for about an hour before notifying authorities, however when the officers arrived the mystery lights were nowhere to be seen.

The officers, however, decided to watch the area where the woman spotted the lights and after a few moments saw what Plendl described as a half to quarter moon-shaped object with red and blue lights. "It went from not being there," Plendl said to simply popping into the sky.

"I'm not sure what we were looking at," Plendl said, but that he and McElroy watched it for fifteen to twenty minutes before deciding to move their vantage point to a spot about three miles east of town.

As Plendl looked at the object through binoculars he "saw something come flying off it. It went at a tremendous speed." Although he tried to follow the piece down with the binoculars he lost sight of it, so any possible recovery of the piece was impossible.

As the two officers left the area the original object was still visible in the sky, the total duration of the sighting being approximately two hours.

There was some speculation that the object seen by the woman and the two police officers may have been a hot air balloon, as a local resident later reported witnessing a balloon landing the day before in the same general area.

However, Police Chief Frank Balistreri told reporters that he had ruled out the hot air balloon theory. "We've discounted that," he said. "I talked to the person who was in the balloon. It took off at 5:30 PM Monday and landed in the DeForest area at 6:45 PM.

"I have to go along with what they saw," he added. "They are very responsible officers."

A strange lighted object was spotted over the mountains east of Lake Blaine, Montana early on the morning of August 9th. According to the witness, Heath Halden, he first spotted the lights about 4:45 AM and they remained visible for a "couple of hours."

Halden reported that there were three verticle white lights and one other light off to the left that was blinking from white to red. "About every minute or so the lights would move to the left or right or up and down, but they would always stay exactly the same distance apart," he said.

Halden reported the sighting to the Flathead County Sheriff's Department. Two deputies that responded to the call also saw the lights but could not determine what it might have been.

The Sheriff's Department also reported that another sighting was noted over the Bigfork area on the 10th but that no written report was turned in to their office.

RECENT UFO SIGHTINGS

From the 2 December Cleveland Plain Dealer comes the following Associated Press wire. Headlined "Mysterious lights startle night owls in eastern U.S." the article

is as follows: Mysterious lights brightened the sky from New York to Virginia early yesterday, but officials and witnesses disagreed on just what the blaze looked like.

Police and emergency operators and Coast Guard spokesmen variously described the display as blue lights, a fireball and a meteor shower.

"What really shocked me was how bright it got," said Maryland State Trooper Paul Keplinger in Easton. "It looked like daylight out here for about five seconds."

Keplinger said he saw a bright yellow light traveling across the sky, trailing a reddish flare. After it disappeared, he said he heard what sounded like thunder.

A boiler room attendant at Wallops Island NASA Flight Center on Virginia's Eastern Shore reported seeing "a big blue light that lit the whole sky almost like lightning."

"After that, I saw two balls of like fire, only not a red fire ... a white fire," said Eddie Quillen.

In Cape May, N. J., Coast Guard Petty Officer Carlos Johnson said he received a radio report at 12:38 a.m. from a ship in Delaware Bay.

"We figure it's a meteor shower," he said. "We just assumed that due to the fact we had so many calls, from Virginia to New York."

Officials at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware said they were not aware of the lights and a security guard at Wallops Island said no rockets had been launched. A Federal Aviation Administration official said no plane collisions had been reported.

From the Times & World News of Roanoke, Virginia comes the following from the 14 October edition: An unidentified flying object hovered above a car in Wythe County this past weekend, the family told the county Sheriff's Department.

It was the latest of nearly 50 reported UFO sightings within two weeks in the county, some of them by deputies and police officers.

The family, which was visiting from out of state, told the Sheriff's Department that a low-flying object flew over its car in the Grahams Forge area near the S & D Grocery and Hopkins Motel. It hovered above the car for five to ten minutes, then flew off noiselessly toward Pulaski County.

The object was described as oval with red and white pulsating lights. A department spokesman said the family had been unaware of the earlier UFO sightings.

The family asked not to be identified.

Reports last week described two low-flying objects with red and white lights near Interstate 77. They appeared to stop and hover for long periods of time and then speed off with no apparent engine sound.

Other sightings occurred over Sand Mountain and in Cedar Springs, where a woman reported seeing a small object emerge from the bottom of a larger one and then appear to chase the bigger one.

The 30 September Courier Press of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, ran the following short news item: Strange red and green lights were seen northwest of Marquette, Iowa, at 9:17 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, according to Prairie du Chien Police Department Detective James Rider.

Rider said a Prairie du Chien citizen reported the strange lights. The lights were verified by Officer Gerald Tippery and the dispatcher on duty that night he said.

Rider said the LaCrosse weather office was called that night and they reported there were no planes, weather balloons or military aircraft in the area at the time of the incident.

Rider said the unidentified lights remain unexplained.

The following comes from the 20 September Sunday Sport from London, England: A UFO with flashing lights was seen by fifty people on the same night.

Scores of independent reports flooded in about the sighting of a floating circular machine between 10 and 12 pm on August 16.

The UFO was seen throughout Derbyshire.

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